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NEW HALL SECURED FOR BASKET BALL

High School Students Will Have Better Facilities for Their Indoor Athletics

Superintendent J. F. Hughes and Prof. J. A. Cannon completed arrangements Wednesday afternoon whereby the Chanute high school will use the Jenner hall on East Main for basket ball this winter. This room will be a great improvement over that used by the students last year and will give them the best equipment for the winter game that they have ever had. The Jenner building has recently been remodeled and the upstairs hall will provide the basket throwers with a waxed floor and a room free from dust. The windows will be screened and the light bulbs raised and screened. The baskets will be suspended from the ceiling. The arrangements for the spectators will also be very satisfactory as approximately 500 persons can be seated in the hall. The girls and boys from the high school will have the use of the room for practice on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week after school hours.

The basket ball games and all other branches of athletics will be directed by the Chanute High School Athletic Association in conjunction with A. J. Bassett, the instructor in the new course in Agriculture, who has been appointed general manager of school athletics. Basket ball in the grade schools will be organized by Wm. Gaugh, principal of Murray Hill school. The athletic association was reorganized for the year at a meeting of the high school students Wednesday noon with Superintendent Hughes and other members of the faculty. The officers elected were Donald Burnett, president, Raymond Wade, vice-president, Miss Cora Shinn, secretary; W. M. Land, treasurer. Mr. Land is the new teacher of history in the high school this year. The association expects to enroll an even larger percentage of students in its organization than last year. The fees are the same as in the past, fifty cents for new members and twenty five cents for former members. A voice in the management of high school athletics and other privileges are secured by membership.

DR. LIGHT'S SUCCESSOR NOT APPOINTED

No appointment was made at the council meeting Friday night of a successor for Dr. R. A. Light as superintendent of the gas and water departments. Mayor Beach suggested that in the absence of Councilman Freeman who is chairman of the gas committee that no new superintendent be appointed but that the members of the gas committee supervise temporarily. Councilman Johnson was opposed taking responsibility in so important a matter and vigorously favored securing an expert who might be able to save the city from losses which he believes it is now incurring. It was decided that Ed Flannery as foreman should assume such responsibilities as are necessary temporarily. Similarly city engineer Pratt is to be in charge of the water department.

EXTENDING TELEPHONE LINE

Several employees of the Bell Telephone Co. came down from Humboldt Tuesday afternoon to put up an additional line between Chanute and Urbana. A half dozen men were added to the force here. They are using heavy No. 10 wire and probably will be at the work at least a week.

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TO SECURE HIGH CLASS OPERA
The art and education committees of the Chanute Federation of Women's Clubs are planning to correspond with a Kansas City entertainment bureau with a view to securing some high class attraction for some evening this winter. Their very distinct success with the grand opera which they brought here last season causes the ladies to wish to have a similar entertainment this winter. They will be satisfied only with a first class attraction as Chanute people showed their appreciation for such last season.

FLYING MACHINE IS NEW IN CHANUTE

Hugh Robinson Is the Aviator Who Will Represent the Curtiss Company.

If the aviation meet Tuesday and Wednesday of next week is a failure in any way it will certainly not be because the flying machine was delayed, because it is here a full week in advance. It arrived over the Katy from McAlester, Okla., Monday afternoon where Hugh Robinson used it last week in giving the exhibition flights for the Curtiss Aviation Co. He was notified by the company that his Chanute flights were scheduled for September 21. It was this mistake which caused him to send the machine so soon. With it came Mr. Robinson's two mechanics, J. H. Stalker and W. J. Shackelford. When they learned of the mistake in the dates they ordered the machine stored until they could secure further instructions from the Curtiss Company.

Robinson who is a native of Neosho Mo., has had quite an experience with various kinds of going machines before he became wedded to the Curtiss air machines. He is said to be a natural mechanic and to have built the first automobile seen in southwest Missouri. But he was even more interested in flying craft and after experimenting with various types he completed a monoplane though it was destroyed by a storm before he had a chance to perfect it. For two years he did the balloon ascension and parachute drop act. He has also done stunts with a bicycle and a motorcycle including a loop the loop with the latter in a hollow steel globe of his own construction.

Robinson studied the French flying machine and the methods of their operators for two years, and on his return home built a biplane of the Curtiss type with which he made a successful flight on his first attempt. Since last winter he has been associated with the Curtiss people and in his first flight in one of their machines at San Francisco he took a prize.

HOPE CHANUTE WILL KEEP CLEAN

"We must never let Chanute get so dirty again," was the sentiment of the Federation ladies Saturday afternoon in reviewing the success of their Clean Up Day last spring. With the recent ordinances and the sentiment that has been aroused, they believe that such a task as they inaugurated last spring will never again be necessary for the city to undertake.

LOST STOCK BY LIGHTNING

John Daley who lives two miles north of Earlton lost a two year old mule by lightning in the storm Friday night. Grant Blair living seven miles northwest of Chanute reports the loss of a horse by lightning. Both men carried insurance on their livestock.

Abram Baxter and Lloyd Midcap went to Pittsburg Saturday where they will attend the state manual training school this winter.

Santa Fe Secures Official Data Concerning Arrival of President Taft's Special Train

Superintendent Payson Ripley has received official advice concerning President Taft's special train that will come to Chanute over the Santa Fe Monday September 25th. It will pass through early that morning from Baldwin making no stop until the return trip from Coffeyville when it will reach here at 1:25 in the afternoon and remain in the yards for twenty minutes. Mr. Ripley will have the train stationed on the third track a little north of the Main street crossing so that the President's observation car, the Ideal will be in a position about midway of the Barnes building. The President will not leave his train but speak from the rear of the

car to the people who gather in to the south in both directions on Main street and as far south on the tracks as they can hear him.

The city authorities will rope in Main street between Grant and Santa Fe avenues from 1 to 1:45 o'clock to stop traffic and allow a place for pedestrians to stand while the Taft train is here. Chanute will receive only a twenty minute visit from President Taft but this is as long as any town on the trip between Coffeyville and Kansas City will secure. The Santa Fe will receive the special train from the Missouri Pacific at Independence about 11:30 Monday morning.

Dr. H. J. Coker Will Speak on Home Coming Sunday

Rev. J. R. McFadden who has been representing the ministerial alliance in negotiating for a speaker for Home Coming Sunday, October 1, has received word from H. J. Coker of Denver, that he can be in Chanute for the occasion. Dr. Coker was pastor of the Methodist church for four years and is considered a very able pulpit orator.

For several years he has been stationed at Denver as field secretary for Home Missions of the Methodist church. His territory includes practically all the territory west of the Mississippi. According to the plan Dr. Coker will address a union religious meeting on the afternoon of Home Coming Sunday in Jones Grove.

THOMAS WOODRUFF KILLED AT STARK

Dead Man's Family Ask Coroner Hickey to Hold Inquest—Investigation Started.

Coroner Dr. F. R. Hickey received a telephone call early Monday morning from Stark notifying him of the death of Thos. Woodruff Sunday evening resulting from shots in the leg and arm from a .38 calibre revolver. The shooting was supposed to be accidental but the call came from members of the dead man's family asking that an inquest be held. The phone was working badly and Dr. Hickey could not get the straight of the tragedy but understood that four other men were mixed up in the affair which was supposed to have taken place at Woodruff's farm two miles northwest of Stark. The train connection between here and Stark in the morning is unsatisfactory and the roads were too heavy for a satisfactory automobile trip. Dr. Hickey therefore phoned to County Attorney Smith to go up from Erie and if an investigation indicated its necessity that he should set a time for the inquest and issue the proper papers. Though his information was meager Coroner Hickey believed an accidental shooting seemed unreasonable in view of the conditions reported to him.

PRESENTED FORGED CHECKS

A young man about 25 years old and described as medium fair and about 5 feet 8 inches tall attempted to pass two \$5 forged checks Saturday night. They were signed with the name of G. P. Wilder and made payable to C. Madison whose name appeared as the endorser. The forger secured his money at Bloomheart's store but at W. J. M. Clothing Company he left the store very promptly when C. C. Martin started to get Mrs. Wilder by phone to see if by any chance the check was really genuine. Mr. Wilder has been dead several months.

Miss Pearl Hurst of Argonia, Kas., is visiting Mrs. Chas. F. Jones and the rest of the Turner family. Mrs. Jones and Miss Hurst are old college chums and toured old Mexico together

BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

The First Baptist church of Chanute has extended a call to Rev. L. E. Marvin of Liberty, Mo., to become its pastor. He preached to the church two weeks ago last Sunday and pleased the congregation so that they wish him to take up the work regularly. Rev. Theodor Hanson of Kansas City who has been acting pastor for a few months will leave about October 1 and it is hoped that Mr. Marvin will be able to come at that time. He is a young man with a family.

SUICIDE THEORY IS NOT VERY TENABLE

County Attorney Smith Wants Further Investigation to Be Made.

County Attorney R. B. Smith who went to Stark Monday afternoon to investigate the death of Thomas Woodruff Sunday evening, declined to state Monday evening what action would be taken. He wished to secure further information before ordering an inquest. So far as he had learned Woodruff has been involved in no financial trouble, and his domestic life has been happy. He was about 23 years old and is survived by his wife and three small children.

The shooting occurred on a country road about two miles south of Savonburg not far from Woodruff's home. The body was found in his own buggy by two men whom it is said were going to a nearby creek to hunt. Statements in regard to other men who were in the vicinity at the time vary so widely that it is difficult to decide what theory concerning his death is the more reasonable.

BURGULARS ALSO INVADE HUMBOLDT

The burglars up in Humboldt are also hungry and use candles on their night prowlings through the houses they enter. They are however not afraid to carry off jewelry in our neighbor town. The man or men who burglarized the home of Mrs. Wallen in Humboldt early Sunday morning secured \$1.95 in money, a monogram locket, a bracelet that was a family heirloom, and a number of valuable rings, some of them with initials. The thieves entered the home of George McKinley through a screen in the front of the house and in the full glare of an electric light. Here they used three candles to aid them in ransacking the house and when they left they turned up the gas light. They filled up on grapes here and at the Wallen home. At other houses that they visited the burglars added boiled ham and a glass of milk to their menu.

SEVENTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN DEAD

Judge E. H. Madison, representative from the Seventh Kansas District, died suddenly Monday morning of heart disease at his home in Dodge City. He had been prominent in Ford county politics since his election as county attorney in 1888. Later he became district judge and in 1906 was elected to Congress. He has been a leader of the insurgent republicans in Congress and was prominent by reason of his report in the Ballinger inquiry. In 1910 he gained the admiration of the university of Kansas students by his opening address in September.

PARTNERSHIP IS DISSOLVED

Dr. J. B. Merrick and Dr. M. B. Miller who have been partners in the dental business since January 1911, have dissolved partnership to take effect Monday. Dr. Merrick buys out Dr. Miller's interest and will continue the business at the present location. Both men have practiced several years in Chanute.

CITY FEDERATION TO FURNISH REST ROOM

Ladies Seeing Results of Their Agitation--Had Interesting Educational Program.

The ladies of the Chanute City Federation of Women's Clubs at their regular September meeting held Saturday afternoon in the city library voted to be responsible for furnishing a Rest Room which is to be provided by the city for the convenience of farmers and others who do business in Chanute. The Federation was organized last winter and comprises the two music clubs and three of the reading clubs of the women of the city. One of the objects of the Federation being to secure a better and more beautiful Chanute, it began an agitation last spring for a rest room for the city. The idea was taken up by the Commercial Club, the Business Men's Club, and more recently by the city council. By the efforts of the buildings and grounds committee of the council the desire for rest rooms for the farmers is now more nearly being realized than at any time since the propaganda was begun.

Inasmuch as the Federation makes no attempt to have a large fund in its treasury the articles of furniture for the rest rooms will be donated by its own members and citizens who wish to help in the work. The ladies ask all who have rugs, chairs or couches which they wish to give to communicate with Mrs. S. G. Isett who is chairman of the rest room committee. The ladies expect whatever organization of the men that secures the rest room will provide heat and light for it and the employment of a janitor.

The program of the afternoon was in charge of the Education committee. Miss Bessie Patterson, who is a teacher in the Cross building, spoke to the ladies of the value of two years kindergarten training for children before they enter the grade schools. Miss Frances Deacon played a piano solo. The third number on the program was a discussion of the benefit of manual training in the schools that was presented by Superintendent J. F. Hughes.

The ladies voted that the office of president of the Federation made vacant by the recent removal of Mrs. J. T. Hanna to Oklahoma should be held until the January meeting by Mrs. Walter Bodle, the vice president. At the next regular meeting of the Federation in November the library committee will have charge of the program. The federation now has nearly a hundred members and the ladies hope that others who are not in any organized club may take out individual memberships by the payment of ten cents fee.

DEATH OF GEORGE ABBOTT

George Abbott an old soldier who has lived in Chanute for many years, died Saturday at his home at 227 South Kansas. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Berkeley at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Christian church. After the sermon the flag service was conducted by the ladies of the G. A. R. At the cemetery the G. A. R. held their ritual service.

Mrs. Roy Totman and children went to Humboldt Saturday to visit relative.

